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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements, Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary (DOT).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Requests (ICRs) abstracted below have been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collections of information was published on April 18, 1997 [FR 62, pages 19159-19162].

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before July 25, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Barbara Davis, U.S. Coast Guard, Office of Information Management, telephone (202) 267-2326.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

United States Coast Guard (USCG)

Title: Plan Approval and Records for Foreign Vessels Carrying Oil in Bulk.

OMB Control Number: 2115-0106.

Type of Request: Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Affected Public: Owners or operators of foreign vessels carrying oil in bulk.

Abstract: This collection of information requires owners or operators of certain foreign vessels carrying oil in bulk to submit documents to the U.S. Coast Guard to determine if vessels meets certain requirements in 33 CFR 157. This collection mainly affects vessels from countries that are not signatory to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as amended by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto (MARPOL 73/78).

Need: Under 46 U.S.C. 3703 and 3703(a), the USCG is authorized to issue regulations dealing with design, construction, alteration, repair,

maintenance, operation and equipping of foreign vessels which carry or are constructed to carry or adapted to carry vessels which carry or are constructed to carry or adapted to carry oil in bulk. The information will be used to determine if (1) the vessel meets the Double Hull standards in 33 CFR 157.10(d); (2) information is available to vessel personnel to operate the vessel and equipment required and (3) a means is available to appeal U.S. Coast Guard decisions with respect to the regulations and for obtaining those waivers or exemptions permitted by the regulations.

Estimated Annual Burden: 244 hours.

Title: Non Destructive Testing Proposal and Results for Pressure Vessels Cargo Tanks on Unmanned Barges.

OMB Control Number: 2115-0563.

Type of Request: Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Affected Public: Owners of inspected barges.

Abstract: This collection of information requires owners of unmanned barges with tanks that are required to be nondestructively tested (NDT) to submit a proposal which includes the NDT methods and procedures, and locations of the tanks to be tested. The results must also be submitted to identify any defects and to evaluate the suitability of a tank to remain in service. The Coast Guard requires pressure vessel type tanks that are thirty years old and older to be subjected to NDT at 10 year intervals.

Need: Under 46 U.S.C. 3703, the U.S. Coast Guard is responsible for ensuring safe shipment of liquid dangerous cargoes and has promulgated regulations on board certain barges to ensure that safety standards are met.

Estimated Annual Burden: 39 hours.

Title: Declaration of Inspection.

OMB Control Number: 2115-0506.

Type of Request: Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Affected Public: Persons in Charge of Transfer Operation.

Abstract: The collection of information requires a person in charge of onshore and offshore facilities to complete a Declaration of Inspection (DOI) for each bulk transfer of oil and hazardous material conducted and to maintain the DOI onboard the vessel and facility for a one month period.

Need: 33 U.S.C. 1221 authorizes the Coast Guard to establish procedure, methods, and equipment requirements to prevent the discharge of oil and

hazardous material from vessels and both onshore and offshore.

Estimated Annual Burden: 78,800 hours.

Title: Display of Plans.

OMB Control Number: 2115-0135.

Type of Request: Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Affected Public: Owners or operators of inspected vessels.

Abstract: This collection of information requires owners or operators of inspected vessels to display certain vessel plans.

Need: Under 46 U.S.C. 3305 and 3306, the U.S. Coast Guard is responsible for ensuring the safety of inspected vessels and has promulgated regulations to ensure that safety standards are met. The information contained on these plans will be used by shipboard personnel during routine duties, such as equipment and system maintenance or servicing, as well as under emergency conditions such as fire or flooding. In the event assistance is rendered from external sources, the plans allow for rapid familiarization with the vessels and its system, the information and its availability is crucial in minimizing danger to those on board, damage to the vessel, and the safety of the port and the environment.

Frequency: On occasion.

Estimated Annual Burden: 450 hours.

Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725-17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention DOT Desk Officer. Comments are invited on: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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